

## ARGUMENT BEGUN IN PEONAGE CASE

Attorney-General Says Liberty  
of Thousands Depends Upon  
Decision of Court.

### ARM OF LAW PARALYZED

District Judges Refuse to Try  
Cases Until Supreme Body  
Takes Some Action.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 13.—Argument was begun to-day in the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Samuel M. Ciyatt vs. the United States, in which the court is called upon to deal with the question of peonage. Ciyatt is a resident of Georgia, who in 1902 was convicted in the Federal court of that State and sentenced to four years' imprisonment at hard labor on the charge of having held two negro men in peonage on account of debt, in violation of section 3626 of the revised statutes.

Attorney William G. Branley made the first presentation of the case. He appeared for Ciyatt, and claimed that the record failed to establish the fact that the men were held in unlawful servitude, the apprehension being in the nature of an arrest. Senator Bacon also appears in the case for Ciyatt, while Attorney-General Moody will represent the government.

The Attorney-General has filed a brief, in which he says, speaking of the importance of the case: "Immediately upon the certification of this case to the Supreme Court several of the district judges in the Fifth Circuit, in which numerous prosecutions for violations of this statute were pending, refused to try any of the cases, and postponed the same to await the decision of the court in this case. It is therefore quite evident that the executive arm of the law, so far, at least, as the enforcement of this statute is concerned, is paralyzed and paralyzed. Notwithstanding the fact that several United States courts have held this law to be constitutional, the government is powerless to compel its enforcement or observance, even in the most typical and flagrant cases. We think it may be truly said that upon the decision of this case hangs the liberty of thousands of persons, mostly colored. It is true, who are now being held in a condition of involuntary servitude, in many cases worse than slavery, by the unlawful acts of individuals, not only in violation of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, but in violation of the law which we have here under consideration."

### AN AXE WAS PROPER.

Scolds Negro for Striking Another With Anything Else.

Charles Gaston was before the high tribunal of justice yesterday, charged with assaulting John Davis. Davis is a "dressed" negro, who can talk more rapidly than a book agent. Charles' long suit is, music.

"What about it," said his honor.

"That nigger hit me on the head with a guitar," said John. "He broke my brand-new hat."

"Well, you ought to go to jail for hitting a nigger on the head with anything but an axe," said H. H.

Charles contended that Davis "dressed a razor," and asserted that his near female relative lived in dread of the dog-catcher.

His honor took no chances, and it was \$2.50 for each.

John, who had the necessary coin, but to the pen went Charles, of the musical turn.

Charles Clousky was up for the same old thing.

"Drunkivitch," quoth the Czar, "twelve-davsky."

Willie Johnson made the plea that he had not appeared before H. H. for a whole month.

Twelve days was the verdict, and away went Willie.

### PROSPEROUS YEAR.

Stockholders of Capitol Building and Loan Association Meet.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the stockholders of the Capitol Building and Loan Association was held last evening at their office in the Merchants National Bank building, at which the reports of the officers and examining committee were submitted, showing the condition of the association to be excellent, and the prospects for the future. The directors, just prior to the meeting, declared the usual dividend of three per cent, payable out of the earnings for the six months ending Novem-

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Over to Church—Members  
German Nobility.

her 30th, besides crediting a nice amount to the surplus fund.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year, viz: Messrs. Joseph J. Campodonico, John G. Fitzgerald, J. A. Grubbs, James H. Harlow, Dr. J. H. Hinchman, M. Kelly, John Kelly, Thomas J. Sheehy and William Wilson.

All of the present officers were re-elected, as follows: Dr. J. H. Hinchman, president; William Wilson, vice-president; John B. Welsh, secretary and treasurer; and Joseph J. Campodonico, James H. Harlow, J. H. Hinchman, trustees, and Henry M. Tyler, solicitor.

### Grateful for Aid.

The cast of "The Great Catastrophe," which was presented at the home of Mrs. E. B. Meade, Friday, December 9th, wishes to thank Messrs. Christian, Cosby, Jacobs and Levy and Liebert for their material assistance to them. They wish also to thank various friends for the beautifying of the stage, and last, but not least, the splendid audience which greeted them and helped to swell the bank account of the Sheltering Arms.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moon and children, Florio and Eddie, who have been visiting some time in this city, are now visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. White, Hardware, Va., en route to their home in Rivermont, Lynchburg, Va.

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## FOR THE FARMER.

### EARLY WINTER SPRAYING

Results of Work of the Connecticut Station Last Year.

Probably the most important experiments in spraying fruit trees conducted during the past ten years are those at Experiment Station at Storrs, Conn. The severe weather of last winter killed many of the San Jose scale, about 25 per cent, being the average.

The experiments have been conducted by W. E. Britton and B. H. Walden, who say they believe that if the spraying can be done in April as the leaves drop off or during November, that a large proportion of the young will be killed, and that they are much more susceptible to the effect of the sprays than after they are partially grown and better protected by their shells of armor. The mature insects die naturally before spring, and it is only the half or partially grown individuals that carry the species through the winter.

On December 10-11, when the spraying was done at Bridgeport, the scales were about all alive. On January 2, less than a month after the application, eggs were cut and examined, with the result that an average of 17.5 per cent. of living insects were found. This can fairly be attributed to the effect of the treatment, principally because no severe weather or ice storms

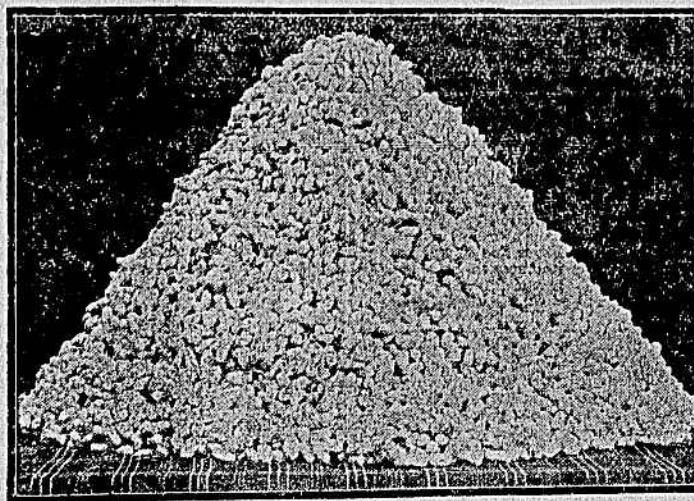
or, or female's boys, breeds contempt. Some day, in a moment of ungoverned passion, he will realize his power, and then there is danger of a funeral. There is never any condono to be placed in a ball, or in a man who cannot control his temper. It is hard to tell which of these is the most dangerous. No man is safe with either of them.

### YOUNG CATTLE IN WINTER

Many Are Lost Because of the Neglect of Their Owners.

The ordinary farmer throughout the Southern States would do well to give young cattle better feed and attention during the winter and early spring months. It is well known that the regular cattle feeders pay special attention to their stock, but the general run of farmers are very much inclined to let their cattle rough it and it is literally roughing it.

The calves and yearlings that have been running to pasture all the summer are brought up in late November, put in pens or barn yards where they spend most of the time until the 1st of April, subsisting largely on straw, corn stalks, shucks and other rough feed with practically no grain or roots. In consequence, cattle of all ages lose flesh until by spring, when



American Grown Cocoons used in the Reeling Experiments of the Department of Agriculture.

had occurred to kill the scale-insects in unusual numbers.

The results of the second examination of twigs on June 23 are somewhat disappointing, as an average of 10.6 per cent. of living insects were found after one of the most severe winters known in recent years. In spite of the rather large percentage of living insects in this test, the writers believe that fall or early winter spraying can and soon will be practiced by the growers.

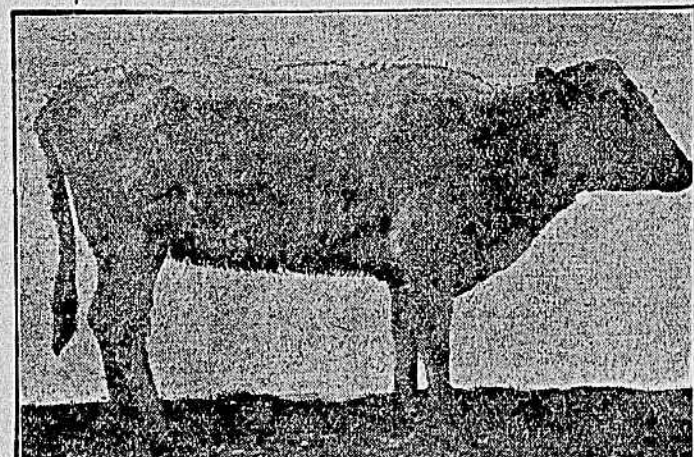
More than 100,000 trees in Connecticut were sprayed last year, with uniformly good results.

### MIX OWN FERTILIZERS.

Much Cheaper and Results With Potatoes Just as Good.

The New Hampshire Station has recently published the results of a series of experiments, mainly devoted to the study of the potato fertilizer problem. An application of 1,000 pounds per acre of a ready-mixed fertilizer was used in comparison with an equal quantity of a home-mixed fertilizer. Both applications contained 3 per cent. of nitrogen, 6 per cent. of phosphoric acid, and 10 per cent. of potash.

The plant-food elements in the home-mixed fertilizer were furnished in 150 pounds of nitrate of soda, 112.5 pounds of sulphate of ammonia, 562.5 pounds of bone-black, and 50 pounds of muriate of potash. With the ready-mixed fertilizer 27.3 bushels of large tubers and 49 bushels of small tubers were obtained per acre, and with the home-mixed, 27.2 bushels of large tubers and 70.2 bushels of small tubers, the total yields being



Type of the "Canner Cow," sold at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago. This sort of "beef" is sold abroad in tins and much of it is found on our home markets.

29 1-3 and 342 2-3 bushels per acre, respectively.

The results, so far as the yield is concerned, show but little difference, but the ready-mixed fertilizer cost \$28.50 per acre, while the home-mixed application cost only \$19.25, or \$9.25, if \$1 is allowed for manure.

Experiments were also made in growing potatoes with and without barnyard manure. In some cases the manure was used alone at the rate of fifteen cords per acre, and in others it was applied with commercial fertilizers, varying in quantity from 750 to 2,000 pounds per acre. In every instance the use of barnyard manure, either alone or with commercial fertilizers, resulted in increased yields, the average for all tests being about 112 bushels per acre.

### Stable Manure Best.

Properly made manure brings results which cannot be obtained in any other manner, but these results are not maximum, and may be infinitely increased by a judicious combination with commercial plant food. However, manure is gaining in favor, and its proper application is being learned by farmers generally. The increased use of the manure spreaders had some objectionable points, but these have been removed and improved, until now the manure spreader is almost essential as a plow or wagon on some farms.

### Beware of the Bull Calf.

Do not let strangers or boys play with the bull calf. Many deaths occur every year from too much familiarity with this animal. You may have confidence in any other live stock on the place, but you should never have any faith in the promises of a bull. The dangerous bulls are those with whom familiarity of the farm-

they are turned out to pasture, they are in very low condition.

It is no unusual thing for many farmers to lose cows and calves from this method of feeding. The sudden changes of the weather peculiar to the Southern winters are very trying to stock that are not well cared for, and they suffer accordingly. A little extra trouble and expense would do wonders in the way of improving this condition of things. Where practicable all cattle should have a warm shelter at night, especially very young cattle and milk cows and cows with calves.

A small amount of corn, mill feed and turnips would well repay the owner for the slight extra expense incurred. Thousands of calves are so stunted and run down by their first winter's hardships that they never recover and grow up to be the "scrub cattle" that invariably bring the lowest market prices—never paying for the cost of their raising.

### BERRIES UNDER CLOTH.

Shading Now Employed Successfully as to Size of the Fruit.

Experiments in New York with growing strawberries under shade show that the plants develop abnormally under canvas.

The matted rows in the shade were better filled because the plants made more leaves and larger leaves, and because no plants under the cover were killed by the drought, while some in the open were killed and many were seriously weakened. As the result of heavy frost it was



## Southern Types of Beauty

POISE AND GRACE.

SHE confers a favor on the world by giving to it a beautiful face and figure. Not only does the Southern girl, as a rule, possess beauty of face, but she has a certain poise and grace, a flexibility of the figure that makes her a queen among women. Though the Southern woman may sometimes be plain, nevertheless she charms because she is a womanly woman. She has her mind and body under perfect control. She is natural and unaffected and has that charm of carriage which so distinguishes a woman—a sense of quiet repose. "A woman is as old as she looks." Woman who do not give thought to their age, thinking nothing of middle or old age, keep young forever.

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suffer so much that their strength leaves them, they are so prostrated that it takes days or weeks to recover their strength. Of course, such periodic distress has its bad effect on the nervous system, says Dr. Pierce in his "Common Sense Medical Adviser." The withered and drawn faces, the dark circles and crow's feet over the eyes, the straight figure without those curves which lend so much to feminine beauty, are the unmistakable signs of womanly disorder. The young girl should study how to make herself more attractive, how to overcome those bodily ills that pull her down. A sick woman cannot be a beautiful woman, nor can she be anything but a poor-spirited woman.

There is every reason why she should write to a specialist, particularly to one who has made the diseases of women a specialty for a third of a century, like Dr. R. V. Pierce, founder of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. All his correspondence is held sacredly confidential, and he gives his advice free and without charge.

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"I have found Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription of inestimable value," writes Mrs. Ellen Alma Bryan (Treasurer, Memphis Century Club), of 193 Vance Street, Memphis, Tenn., "as a tonic for overworked nerves, or when one is troubled with general lassitude and an irritable condition, hardly knowing what the trouble is. I was advised to use it by a member of our Club, and the effect on me was truly wonderful. Within two weeks I was like a new woman. I could eat and sleep as I have not been able to for months, my nerves became strong and the mental equilibrium was restored as well as the physical. Your medicine has my highest endorsement."

Every woman, young or old, should know herself. To get at this knowledge, secure a good doctor book by addressing Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. "The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser" can be procured by sending twenty-one cents in one-cent stamps for paper-bound volume, or thirty-one stamps for a cloth-bound copy.

of those not shaded 80.4 per cent. were injured.

As regards yield, only when thin cheese cloth was employed was there any increase, with the heavier grade of cloth there was a marked decrease in yield with each of the twenty varieties grown, and in no case was the increase in yield sufficient to compensate for the cost of shade. In the case of the lighter grade of cheese cloth there was a considerable increase in the size of the berries obtained under shade, but with the heavier grade no difference in size of berries was observable. With the lighter grade of cheese cloth thirteen quarts picked underneath the canopy contained 1,100 berries, while thirteen quarts picked in the open contained 1,622 berries, thus showing an increase of about one-third in size in favor of the shaded berries.

The material used for shading was a thin kind of cheese cloth known as "Bom-bay," costing about four cents a yard, and when sewed together and hemmed, with rings attached for securing it, the first cost was at the rate of about \$30 per acre. This cloth was stretched over wires about twenty inches above the ground. A heavier grade of cheese cloth was used in one experiment.

It so often occurs that the fall calves are larger at six months of age than spring calves of a similar age, and it has been a matter of comment why this is so. Some of the reasons why it is so are that the fall calf escapes flies, heat, scanty pasture, sour milk. A box stall well bedded is a more comfortable quarter for calves than a summer pasture on a hot day, when flies have absolute sway.

### Raise Fall Calves.

The most profitable hog is probably that one which is farrowed early in the spring and marketed in the latter part of the same year. A hog less than a year old that can be made to weigh 300 to 250 pounds will be the profitable hog. It is rarely profitable to keep a hog over winter, unless the conditions are favorable, hogs following feeding out and brood sows being two of the exceptions.

### Pays to Keep Bees.

The sheep farmer is at a loss to know why more farmers do not keep sheep. The two keepers is one the same host as to the farmer who does not keep bees. A few colonies can so easily be kept that

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